

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

**MARK G. BRALLEY,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**No. 13-cv-0768 JB/SMV**

**ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BD. OF EDUC.,  
et al.,**

**Defendants.**

**ORDER SETTING SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

THIS MATTER is before the Court pursuant to a telephonic status conference held on November 3, 2015. To facilitate a final disposition of this case, a mandatory Settlement Conference will be conducted in accordance with Rule 16(a)(5) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The conference will be held on **November 12, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.** in the **Rio Grande Courtroom, Pete V. Domenici United States Courthouse at 333 Lomas Boulevard Northwest in Albuquerque, New Mexico.**

The parties or a designated representative, other than counsel of record, with full authority to resolve the case, must attend in person. Counsel who will try the case must also attend in person. Counsel are encouraged to read “Keys to a Successful Mediation” by Judge James A. Hall prior to the settlement conference.<sup>1</sup> Those attending the settlement conference must treat as confidential the information discussed, positions taken, and offers made by other

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<sup>1</sup> For ease of reference, the Court has posted the article on its website, and the article may be accessed at <http://www.nmcourt.fed.us/web/DCDOCS/Judges/Files/HallMediationArticle.pdf>

participants in preparation for and during the conference.<sup>2</sup> *See generally Hand v. Walnut Valley Sailing Club*, No. 11-3228, 2012 WL 1111137 (10th Cir. Apr. 2, 2012) (unpublished) (affirming dismissal of case as sanction for violating confidentiality of settlement conference). Counsel shall advise their clients regarding appropriate attire for appearance in federal court.

The Settlement Conference will not be vacated or rescheduled except upon motion and for good cause shown. Any motion to vacate or reschedule the Settlement Conference shall provide the Court with sufficient notice to ensure that other matters may be scheduled in the time allotted for the Settlement Conference.

The Court may contact defense counsel and Plaintiff ex parte prior to the Settlement Conference to discuss the Settlement Conference.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**



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**STEPHAN M. VIDMAR**  
**United States Magistrate Judge**

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<sup>2</sup> This does not prohibit disclosures stipulated to by the parties, necessary in proceedings to determine the existence of a binding settlement agreement, or as otherwise required by law.